

ARTICLE 931

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CROSS REFERENCES

Power to regulate garbage collection - See 3rd Class §2403(6)
[53 P.S. §37403(6)]
Removal of rubbish from streets - See GEN. OFF. Art. 721
Mechanical food waste disposals - See BLDG. Art. 1717
Pennsylvania Solid Waste Management - Act 97-1980
(35 P.S. 6018.101 et seq)
Pennsylvania Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste
Reduction Act (Act 101) (53 P.S. 4000.101 et seq)

931.01 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this article:

(a) "Approved" means approved and acceptable to the Bureau of Health of the City of Bethlehem.

(b) "Municipal Waste" means garbage, refuse, industrial lunchroom, or office waste and other material, including solid, liquid, semisolid or contained gaseous material resulting from operation of residential, municipal, commercial or institutional establishments and from community activities; and sludge not meeting the definition of residual or hazardous waste from a municipal, commercial or institutional water supply treatment plant, waste water treatment plant or air pollution control facility.

(c) "Rubbish" shall mean yard waste other than leaves and grass.

(d) "City limits" means the corporate limits of the City of Bethlehem.

931.02 RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES.

Owners of dwellings are responsible for preventing accumulation of waste on their properties and for violations of City ordinances or regulations dealing with storage of solid waste. All owners of dwellings shall provide for solid waste removal services by a licensed waste hauler. The responsibility imposed upon owners of dwellings by this section may not be satisfied by delegation to tenants, lessees, householders, or any other person. (Ord. 3401 - Passed 3/5/91.)

931.03 DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO SET STANDARDS FOR CONTAINERS.

The Department of Community Development, Bureau of Health, shall formulate standards for the size and types of containers which shall be approved for use under the provisions of this article and shall have jurisdiction of waste stream to the point where the waste is placed in the haulers vehicle. No person shall store Municipal Waste in containers other than containers approved by the Director of Community and Economic Development. (Ord. 3300 - Passed 10/16/90).

931.04 PLACEMENT OF CONTAINERS.

(a) No property owner, lessee, tenant, householder or any other person shall deposit, throw, place or cause to be deposited, thrown or placed, any Municipal Waste on any street, private alley or vacant lot within the City limits.

(b) No person shall place receptacles or containers for ashes, rubbish, manure or garbage on any street, private alley, public right-of-way, or vacant lot. Containers and receptacles may be kept and stored anywhere on the customer's property except:

- (1) No containers or receptacles shall be stored or kept in the front of the building.
- (2) No containers or receptacles shall be stored or kept more than five feet from the sides of the buildings.
- (3) No containers or receptacles shall be stored or kept within five feet of a public right-of-way.

931.05 PREPARATION OF MUNICIPAL WASTE FOR COLLECTION.

No Municipal Waste shall be placed in any container unless the Municipal Waste has been thoroughly drained of its free moisture and wrapped.

All rubbish shall be properly bundled, the maximum length of the bundle shall not exceed three feet nor shall the width of the bundle exceed three feet.

On collection days, containers for Municipal Waste shall be placed at a ground level location. The customer may place his containers for collection anywhere on his property except that no container shall be placed more more than five feet from the front or sides of the building. Containers shall be returned to their point of pick-up by the collector and/or hauler. Any collector and/or hauler who does not return municipal waste container to the point of pickup or leave waste laying on the customers property shall be subject to the penalties under this ordinance.

931.99 PENALTIES.

Any person who violates any provision of this Article shall be subject to the following penalties:

(1) First violation - A fine of \$100.00, or thirty days imprisonment, or both;

(2) Second violation - A fine of \$250.00, or sixty days imprisonment, or both;

(3) Third violation - A fine of \$500.00, or ninety days imprisonment, or both;

(4) Fourth and each Subsequent Violation - A fine of \$1,000.00, or ninety days imprisonment, or both.
(Ord. 3300-Passed 12/5/89.)